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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
MEETING MINUTES
February 3, 2006
2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Third Floor Conference Room
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1. Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call to Establish Quorum

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:03 am and a quorum established.

Roll Call

Tony Sawyer, Chair
Thomas W. Crosby
Joe Mello
Martin J. Miele
Roy J. Shlemon

Others in Attendance

Paul Sweeney, Executive Officer
Christine Doering, Staff Services Analyst
George Dunfield, Enforcement Manager
Mike Luksic, Engineering Geologist

2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

There was no public comment as no public members were present. Mr. Sawyer stated that he would like to have the TAC look at the Strategic Plan and ask the Board what issues they would like to have the TAC address. It was decided that the topic be placed on hold and revisited under agenda item #10.

3. Approval of minutes from July 1, 2005 TAC meeting and review of minutes from Joint Board/TAC meeting of December 2, 2005

Mr. Shlemon provided background information regarding the review of minutes stating that at the December 2, 2005 Joint Board and TAC meeting the TAC members felt that the minutes were inaccurate. It had been decided that TAC members would review tapes and their notes and provide comments. Mr. Shlemon submitted written comments based on his review. His written review was formalized and placed onto Board letterhead. There were no additional comments to be incorporated into the record. Mr. Mello moved to approve the minutes as amended. Shlemon seconded motion. Mr. Miele and Mr. Crosby abstained as they were absent from the July 1, 2005 meeting. The motion passed with three (3) ayes and two (2) abstentions.

In regard to the TAC Portion of December 2, 2005 Joint Board/TAC Meeting, Mr.

Sawyer stated that the TAC should approve this section prior to the Board approving the minutes as a whole. Mr. Miele inquired as to the confidentiality of the names of those who participated in the CSE Focus Group. Mr. Sweeney clarified that the content of the discussion material is confidential; however, participation is a matter of public record. A transcript of Mr. Sawyer's comments from the December 2, 2005 meeting was distributed to TAC members. Mr. Sawyer asked to have his verbatim statements incorporated into minutes under section "g". Mr. Shlemon moved to accept the minutes are presented with addition for section "g". Mr. Mello seconded the motion. Mr. Miele and Mr. Crosby abstained. The motion passed with three (3) ayes and two (2) abstentions.

4. Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Sweeney distributed print outs of postings on the Board's website. These postings include: a request for volunteers for to participate in the Professional Geologist candidate handbook workshops on March 2/3 and 9/10; upcoming spring exam information; and the Board's latest enforcement actions. Mr. Sweeney stated that there is still availability for participants in the upcoming workshops. Mr. Shlemon asked for clarification regarding the origins of the handbook. Mr. Sweeney explained that the Candidate Handbook is an Exam Committee, Board, OER, and DCA collaboration. Mr. Sweeney stated that participants must be licensed and that the Board would select those participants. The Board will go through all committees (TAC, Legislative, Exam, etc.) for input.

Mr. Crosby moved that at the February 17, 2006 Board meeting the TAC Chair formally present to the Board the recommendation that they formally request the TAC to review the Candidate Handbook and make formal recommendations. Mr. Shlemon formalized the statement of the motion. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mello. Mr. Sweeney explained the timeframes associated with completion of the process of development and the general content of the Candidate Handbook. Mr. Luksic stated that the handbook would consist of a compilation of documents, websites, etc. The content of the document as well as its intent was discussed. Mr. Sweeney stated that four-hundred forty-three (443) examinees are scheduled to sit for the Spring 2006 Professional Geologist examinations and provided specific breakdown by test category. Mr. Shlemon restated the motion that the TAC would recommend to the Board that the TAC review the draft document.

5. Report on Board meeting of January 20, 2006

Mr. Sawyer reported on the Board meeting of January 20, 2006 stating that a significant portion of the public discussion was regarding concerns about the California Specific Exam. Mr. Sawyer stated that he made a presentation to the Board prior to their going into closed session to discuss the performance of the Executive Officer. The Board met in closed session and decided to further investigate.

6. Review of California Code of Regulations section 3065, Code of Professional Standards, for possible modification by the Board

Mr. Sawyer distributed a draft copy to TAC members of proposed modifications that he

recommended to be consistent with the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and Architect's Board. Mr. Shlemon stated that the TAC had been assigned to review and make formal recommendations to the Board from a professional standpoint. The TAC reviewed the proposed changes provided by Mr. Sawyer, discussed and identified further modifications. The committee determined that strikeout version of the text would be presented for review at the next TAC meeting. Further discussion continued regarding suggested modifications. Mr. Sawyer stated that he would provide a strikeout version for review at the next TAC meeting and that an update would be provided to the Board at the upcoming Board meeting.

7. Review of licensure fact sheets for presentation to the Board

Mr. Sawyer stated that at the December meeting the Board asked that the TAC aim for completion by May 2006. Crosby inquired as to whether or not there would be a mechanism to make format more consistent.

The status of the following assignments was discussed:

Assignments:

Interpretation of Well Data – (reassigned from Hurst at December 2, 2005 meeting) (Hoose)
Leachfields – completed (previously JC Isham assignment) (Crosby, Miele)
Vadose Zone Transport – completed (Shlemon)
Ground Water – mostly completed and included in packet, need to create table to go with text (Hoose)
Landslides – draft done, will email to Shlemon (Crosby)
Erosion/Sedimentation – draft in packet for discussion (Mello)
Geomorphology – not available (Vyverberg)
Geophysics – draft done, will email to Sawyer (Miele)
Faulting – copies brought for discussion (Shlemon)

There was significant discussion regarding the draft faulting and erosion/sedimentation fact sheets. Mr. Sawyer stated that he would make committee modifications to documents. The committee decided to hold completed assignments until the remainder are also complete so that they can work on consistency between the documents. Mr. Crosby will take over JC Isham's document and work with him to update as Mr. Isham is no longer a member of the TAC. Mr. Miele will assist in this task. Mr. Dunfield reported that he had heard back from the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (BPELS) in regards to the Solano County Ordinance addressing septic systems and that they found that the scope of work did not rise to the level of engineering and therefore did not require such licensure.

8. Discussion of Continuing Education requirements for geologic licensure for presentation to the Board

The committee discussed the methods by which different professional organizations allow members to accumulate continuing education credits in both formal and informal settings. Mr. Sweeney reported that six (6) of the twenty-nine (29) states that license geologists require continuing education. Mr. Crosby stated that in regard to the California specific

exam, continuing education could be another mechanism for geologists to keep current on California geology. It was decided that each committee member would provide a list of pros and cons for the next meeting. A vote will be taken at that meeting to determine whether or not the committee recommends to the Board that continuing education requirements be pursued. Additionally, Mr. Sawyer will provide the committee with information regarding requirements of other states and other in-state agencies. The committee generally agreed that continuing education should be required.

9. Recommendation of New TAC Members for selection by the Board

There were three (3) resumes received in response to the solicitation for new TAC members. In order to ensure a diverse committee (fields of expertise, region, employment type, gender, etc.) it was decided that additional solicitations for volunteers was needed. The committee discussed various mechanisms to increase circulation of the solicitation. Current applicants would be contacted and advised that they are still under consideration. Selection of applicants was deferred until the May meeting.

10. Technical Advisory Committee Chair's report, announcements, homework assignments and scheduling of Agenda items for May 5, 2006 TAC meeting

The following action items and assignments were identified for the next meeting: ~~strikeout and line through document to staff (Sawyer), update faulting document (Sawyer), preamble to guidelines (Sawyer), drafts of landslides document to Shlemon (Crosby), contact Vyverberg and Hoose for draft status of their assignments (Sawyer), continuing education pros and cons (all).~~ Mr. Sawyer stated that he will ask the Board if they would like the TAC to look at the portion of the Strategic Plan that pertains to the TAC. He further stated that the plan is a guidance document and it would be beneficial to review in regard to the direction of the TAC over the next two years. The following items will be included on the May 5, 2006 agenda: finalizing section 3065, guidelines completion, and election of committee Chair and Vice Chair.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 pm.

Tony Sawyer, Committee Chair

Paul Sweeney, Executive Officer

Approved: May 05, 2006